

CHARACTERS WERE REAL

Harold M. Kramer, Novelist, Tells of "Red Christ" and "Father Harrison."

BOTH LIVED IN HIS HOME TOWN IN INDIANA.

Man, Who Wrote "Hearts and the Cross," "The Chrysalis" and "The Rugged Way" Will Lecture on Our Chautauqua.

Not long ago a friend was talking to Harold M. Kramer, the novelist, who will lecture at our Chautauqua on the second day, and took occasion to question the author regarding some of the characters in his books.

"Are any of your characters real or are all of them created from imagination?" was asked.

"Just two of my characters are real," was the reply, "and both of them are in my first book, 'Hearts and the Cross.' Today one of them is in the asylum for the insane at Indianapolis.



HAROLD M. KRAMER.

and the other is trying to secure a position with the legislature, also in Indianapolis.

"Pray, do not accuse me of trying to compare the two situations, and let me assure you that the one who is in the asylum was sent there before the book was published, so I do not feel any responsibility for his lamentable fate resting upon my shoulders.

"The one in the asylum is the negro in 'Hearts and the Cross,' who plunks the banjo and sings queer songs on election day. And, by the way, he was one of the oddest characters I ever knew. He lived in one of the suburbs of my home town and styled himself the 'Red Christ' and built an octagonal church, doing all of the work himself, the church being about the size of an ordinary woodshed.

"The church of the 'Red Christ' is standing in Woodside suburb of Frankfort, Ind., today. To become a member of this church it was not necessary to subscribe to any creed or doctrine. All that was required to insure salvation was to pay George Bradshaw, the negro 'Red Christ,' \$5 for one of his red flannel vests. One of those vests was guaranteed to see you safely through the pearly gates.

"Every Sunday morning Bradshaw would mount a little platform in his 'church' and sing a few songs to the accompaniment of his homemade banjo, and he would then deliver a wonderful prayer and lock up. He made his banjo himself, even to the strings, and if you were curious enough to visit his church he would point with pride to a little 'cemetery' near one corner of his 'church,' where, he would assure

you, reposed the remains of something like a dozen cuts that had contributed useful portions of their internal mechanism for the strings of the banjo that took the place of a pipe organ in the church of the 'Red Christ.'

"These cut graves were laid out in regular order, and each had a neat little headboard. He had asked some white man to prepare an appropriate inscription for these headboards, and the white man, who chanced to be something of a wag, suggested this: 'We have gone—but we left our music behind.'

"The 'Red Christ' came to grief through a letter he wrote to a Chicago firm asking for prices on a big lot of dynamite and confiding to the Chicago people the interesting information that he was preparing to blow up the courthouse at Frankfort. This information was communicated to the officers at Frankfort. They thought that the mail order business ought not to be encouraged thus, so they sent Bradshaw to the asylum, and there he remains, blissfully unconscious that he has crept between the covers of a book.

"The other man is known about Frankfort as 'Father Harrison.' In 'Hearts and the Cross' he is 'Father Fordy.' He is now ninety-three years of age, and his proudest boast is that he was present at the birth of the Republican party. He is as much a fixture at all Republican meetings in his home town as is the negro quartet that comes out the campaign songs—and 'Father' Harrison always leads the applause by thumping on the floor with his cane."



CLARE KVELLO, SOPRANO.

Miss Kvello has headed her own company in the Chautauqua most successfully two or three seasons. She has made over 400 Chautauqua appearances.

She heads her own company, which will be one of the attractions in music on the third day, the Kvello-Cedar Green Company.



DR. GEORGE C. AYDELOTT.

Dr. Aydelott is a Chautauqua attraction who comes to our Chautauqua on the first day. He has done an immense amount of Chautauqua work and is rated as a speaker of splendid ability. He calls his lecture "The Man of the Hour."

WILLIAMS TO WEST.

Refuses to Meet Attorney General in Debate While Latter Is on States' Payroll, and Until One Achievement Has Been Pointed Out.

Until you have resigned from the office of attorney general, and have pointed out one single achievement effected by you as attorney general, I shall refuse to consider your challenge," says Judge R. L. Williams in a letter addressed to the attorney general Sunday afternoon in which he refuses to meet West in joint debate until West resigns from the public pay roll.

"I shall not, by a joint discussion, be placed in the attitude of even indirectly approving your conduct in devoting the time paid for by the people in making stump speeches to satisfy your personal ambition to be governor," continues the Williams letter.

The letter of Judge Williams is in response to a letter made public by West a week ago in which he challenged Williams for a joint debate on the record of his public achievements as officials of the state.

Williams' letter to West follows: "Mr. Chas. West, Oklahoma City, Okla.

"Dear Sir:—Your letter of June 1, embodying a challenge for joint debate has been called to my attention.

"I do not for one instant concede the correctness of the premises you assume or the general statements as to my public record.

"My achievements as an official are a matter of record and public history of this state. You will find the same in the constitution as adopted by the people and in various decisions of the supreme court.

"You have no public record of achievements. Your public record consists of various interviews, newspaper articles and stump speeches.

"So long as you retain the office of attorney general and draw the salary and emoluments of the office, public policy and principles of honesty demand that you devote your entire time, attention and very best efforts to the discharge of the duties of that office and not up the nover of that office to secure another. I shall not, by engaging in a joint discussion, be placed in the attitude of even indirectly approving your conduct in devoting the time paid for by the people in making stump speeches to gratify your personal ambition to be governor.

"Until you have resigned from the office of attorney general and have pointed out some specific objection worthy of consideration which you desire to urge to my record and have pointed to a single achievement effected by you as attorney general, I shall refuse to consider your challenge.

Respectfully, (Signed) "R. L. WILLIAMS."

THINGS DONE BY J. S. ASKEW

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At the dawn of Statehood J. S. Askew was made State Game and Fish Warden under the old game law inherited from the Territorial form of Government. The old law did not provide any salary.

The State Game and Fish Warden's Department in seventeen months captured and confiscated 87,000 quail, beside other stuff that was being illegally shipped from the State; broke up gangs that were organized outside of the State for the purpose of shipping game out of the State for dollars and cents.

Thousands of dollars of confiscated stuff was sold and the proceeds placed to the credit of the Common School fund of the different counties where the confiscations were made and provided by law.

Askew framed the new game law, and organized the system that netted the State \$128,000 in nineteen months without one cent cost to the State. He paid money out of his own pocket to maintain and operate the new law, as no money coming in from the sale of licenses, or any other sources, could be legally used, as the Constitution of the State pro-

vides "That no money can be expended by any State Department until appropriated by the legislature."

At a special session of the legislature money was appropriated for propagating purposes, and Askew was returned the money expended by him under the new law, after a rigid examination by the State as to the correctness of his claim. He propagated thousands of fish and insectivorous birds to the farmers of this State without one cent of cost to them.

This is not political gush, but simple truths.

In substance, Askew made good, and has played the part in public office that other candidates will tell you they believe in, and which they will set forth in their platform.

Fidelity to the people, economy in office, and competent administration of Public Affairs.

"I will run my race free from any combination, and if I am successful no man or set of men will be able to turn me from strict compliance with the requirements of the law as it pertains to my official duties."

Askew is a Democrat and has been tried by Oklahoma Democracy and not found wanting, and is competent in every particular to fill this office.

He wants to be your next Secretary of State and wants your vote on August 4th, 1914.

(Adv.)

FLAG DAY PROCLAMATION.

The following proclamation was issued by Governor Cruce Monday, calling on all patriotic people of the state to observe in some appropriate way the 137th anniversary of the adoption of the American flag on June 14.

"The birth of a nation's flag is second only in importance to the birth of the nation itself. At Bunker Hill, at Concord, and at Lexington, patriotic lives were sacrificed that we might enjoy the liberty that is our choice possession today; yet the memory of those sacrifices, transferred to us down the line of human generations, would be less sacred did we not enjoy the privilege of looking upon the emblem of our liberty as that which was instrumental in establishing it.

"The adoption of the Declaration of Independence was followed in eleven months by the adoption of the American flag, and it is as fitting that we celebrate the birth of the emblem of our liberty as that we celebrate the fact of the establishment of our liberty.

"Wherefore, I beseech the patriotic people of Oklahoma that they in some appropriate manner observe June 14 this year, the 137th anniversary of the birth of the American flag; and especially do I recommend a revival in the hearts of our people of the spirit of gratitude in return for the enjoyment of ourselves and our forefathers of 130 years of peace.

"Done at Oklahoma City, Okla., this 6th day of June, A. D. 1914, and of the Independence of the United States the 138 year."

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OIL LEASES NON-TAXABLE.

Oklahoma City, Okla., June 10.—Oil and gas leases are not taxable in Oklahoma. This was the decision that was reached by the Supreme Court Tuesday, in an opinion by Chief Justice Kane, in the celebrated Indian Territory Illuminating Company oil lease, on rehearing.

STATE BOARD HEARS PROTEST.

Oklahoma City, Ok., June 10.—State Board of Equalization today went to work hearing the protests of eighty-two corporations that object to their valuations for taxing purposes.

The board is working under the general revenue act of the last Legislature and everybody has seemed to consider dead as a result of a decision by the Supreme Court in the capital case, Gov. Clegg, as chairman of the board, was not satisfied that the law can be ignored. It provides for making a complete record on the hearing in place of the former practice of allowing the Supreme Court to hear the case de novo on appeal. This means that several weeks will be required to hear all the protests and evidence in support of them.

After deciding tentatively to refer the bulk of the protests to the State Auditor and referees for hearing, on stipulation between the parties and the Attorney General, the board held a closed session and later announced that they would hear the cases in person, as in the past, even if it took all summer. It is understood that this action was the result of a motion by Fred Parkinson, inspector and examiner, who was supported by Ben. J. Harrison, Secretary of Board of Agriculture, and Robert Dunlop, State Treasurer. Other members of the board present were Gov. Cruce and Auditor McClelland. The seventh member, Attorney General West, was absent. The rule adopted will, if members abide by it, keep two candidates for Governor, one candidate for State Treasurer and one candidate for examiner and inspector out of the campaign until the board shall have disposed of the hearings.

Hearings began this afternoon, electric light and water companies coming first.

Mr. Parkinson intends to ask the board to increase the valuation of oil in storage to \$1.80 in the Cushing field and \$1.50 in the Heddon field. The figure as it stands is \$1 a barrel. The market price is 75c and 50c.

CANDIDATES IN DOUBT AS TO FILINGS.

Oklahoma City, Ok., June 10.—Candidates who have heretofore filed their names in the office of the election board are in doubt as to whether, since the change in the board and the upholding of another law, they should file again. Secretary Joe Morris of the board has asked the Attorney General for an opinion on this question on the occasion of its first meeting. The board passed a resolution accepting all the filings made under the old board.

BOARD IN SESSION.

The county commissioners, acting as the county board of equalization, are in session this week.

Wednesday the board heard the complaints of citizens of Durant and Township No. 2. The other townships will be heard in their order, the board taking up one each day.

So far, very little complaints have been heard by the board, the citizens realizing that the board was going to do all in their power to equalize taxes, to the end that each one would pay his just proportion.

FOUR FOUND DEAD.

Sapulpa, Ok., June 10.—Cut and bruised and bearing evidences of foul play, the bodies of Ben Reynolds, aged 18, and three other girls all sisters, Bertie Sanders, aged 13; Zula Sanders, aged 11, and Vina Sanders, aged 14, were found floating in Rock creek near here today. A coroner's jury impaneled to investigate the death, viewed the bodies and adjourned until Thursday morning. Numerous witnesses have been called.

When Henry Sanders, father of the three children, left his home yesterday, Miss Reynolds, employed as a housekeeper, took the children and started for a stroll toward the creek.

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This morning the body of one of the girls was found at a ford of the creek. An investigation followed and the bodies of the other three were found floating in the creek not far from the Sanders home. The clothing of the four was found on the bank.

At the place where the clothes were found the water in the creek is shallow for a few feet, then drops off with a sheer offset to a depth of ten feet. It is believed they were not familiar with the stream and that the others, not with while trying to aid one that possibly stepped off into the deep water.

NORMAL INSTITUTE.

The Bryan County Summer Normal Institute, held in connection with the Southeastern State Normal, will begin June 29th. I shall urge that you enroll on Saturday, June 27th, and not later than Monday, June 29th. Regular class work begins Tuesday, June 30. Every teacher should be classified and ready for class work on that date. C. L. NEELY.

TO OBSERVE FLAG DAY.

On Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock the Southeastern State Normal school will observe Flag Day with appropriate exercises, to which the citizens of the city are cordially invited. The Flag Day oration will be made by Miss Mabelle Poole, a student of the normal. An interesting program is in view and the exercises will be enjoyed by all who attend.

Dr. I Levy due in Durant June 25, and 26, office Atwood Hotel. w3

BENSON RESIGNS.

W. E. Benson for several months manager for the local offices of the Company has tendered the company his resignation, effective as soon as his successor can be selected. Mr. Benson will accept a position as traveling salesman.

MISS HAYNES TO HUGO.

Miss Nellie Haynes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Haynes of this city, and a this year's graduate from the Southeastern Normal school of this city, has been elected to a position on the faculty of the public school at Hugo.

LOCAL BAND TO FURNISH MUSIC.

Arrangements have been made by the directors of the Fair Association whereby Joe Lydays orchestra of this city will furnish the music for the summer race meeting to be held at the fair grounds here July third and fourth.

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